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| PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: | BOARD OF PLUMBING & HVACR EXAMINERS |
| MEETING DATE AND TIME: | Tuesday, February 14, 2012 8:30 a.m. |
| PLACE: | 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon |
| MINUTES APPROVED: | Tuesday, March 13, 2012 |

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jerome Todd, Professional Member, President
Dean Sherman, Professional Member, Vice President
Carol Guilbert, Public Member, Secretary
Charles Robbins, Professional Member
Frank Beebe, Professional Member
Gerard Pepeta, Professional Member
James Anderson, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Brady, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Jennifer Witte, Administrative Specialist II
Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General
Shelly Ide, Administrative Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

Chuck Davidson
Patrick Blanch Jr.
Christopher Fairchild
Tom D'Andreamatteo
Herbert Romisch
Carl Rifino
James P.
Ron Lord

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Todd called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Pepeta, seconded by Mr. Beebe, to approve the January 10, 2012, meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Final Denials of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to deny the applications of Jose Ponce Trejo, Andre Marr, and Fitzroy Weatherspoon. The motion carried unanimously.

Compliance to Decision and Order

Patrick Blanch came before the Board, as was required by his Board Order, to explain his actions. After he spoke, a motion was made by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to reinstate the license of Patrick Blanch. The motion carried unanimously.

Re-Review of Application

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to propose to deny the request of Charles Lester to not have to take the By-Pass Examination. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Examination Applications

A motion was made by Ms. Guilbert, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the Master Plumber examination applications of Daniel Bachtle, Brian Yeager, and Ralph Smith, as well as, the Master HVACR examination applications of Shane Donahue, Michael Polito, and Herbert Romisch. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Guilbert, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to table the application of Jeffrey McGinnis, until detailed work experience & CFC card are submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Guilbert, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to table the application of Carl Rifino for Master Plumber, for lack of detailed work experience. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Guilbert, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to table the application of Joseph Duda, Master Plumber & Master HVACR Restricted, requesting additional criminal background reports from PA & NJ. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Examination Results

The Board reviewed the examination results that showed out of eight candidates, five had passing scores: William Morrow for Master HVACR and Brent Deputy, Daniel Ferry, Thomas Gunning, and Alfred Mousley IV for Master Plumber. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Application – Danny Stevenson

A motion was made by Jerry Todd, seconded by Dean Sherman, to table the Master HVACR application of Donald Rolph for additional criminal history details. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF VERIFICATION OF BACKFLOW TESTING

Mr. Robbins led a discussion on Backflow Testing/Courses. He presented the Board members with a brochure from Delaware Rural Water Association whereas they offer *ASSE National Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester Certification Courses*. The Board is concerned that persons taking this course are not licensed plumbers, even though they may have the required 5 years of experience working with a plumber. The Board will send a letter to Delaware Rural Water Association, DPH, and the municipalities of New Castle, Millsboro, & Selbyville with the purpose of reminding them that although Delaware Rural Water Association sends out letters stating who has passed their course, these people are still required to have a State of Delaware Plumber's license, as backflow testing is a plumbing service.

Complaint Status

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| 34-04-10 | Closed |
| 34-07-10 | Open |
| 34-08-10 | Open |
| 34-09-10 | Open |
| 34-01-11 | Open |
| 34-02-11 | Open |
| 34-03-11 | Assigned to Hearing Officer |
| 34-04-11 | Open |
| 34-05-11 | Open |
| 34-01-12 | Open |
| 34-02-12 | Open |

Ratification of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Pepeta, seconded by Mr. Sherman, to approve the Master HVACR Restricted application of Alvah Jessup, the Master HVACR applications of John Fluhart, Alan Corey, David Heavrin and the Master Plumber applications of, Robert Slaughter, David Lundberg, Alvah Jessup, Mark Van Art, Kenneth Prah, and Alan Corey. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of NCC Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to approve the ratification of the Master HVACR Restricted application of Terry McCracken. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of State Requirements – Not Substantially Similar

Florida & Virginia's Rules & Regulations packets were presented to the Board for review to determine if the states are substantially similar. Mr. Pepeta agreed to review the Rules & Regulations for Florida. Mr. Robbins agreed to review the Virginia packet. These will be added to the next agenda for further discussion.

The agenda was amended to add Chris Fairchild with National Filter Service as 4.10

Last month, the Board received a letter from Chris Fairchild with National Filter Service regarding the changing of air filters his company performs and whether there is a need for a Delaware license. Mr. Fairchild explained that his company is hired to change out the filters as scheduled by the facility. His company does not assess the necessity of filter changing. He requested that The Board send a letter to The City of Wilmington stating that his company does not require an HVACR license. The Board agreed to send this correspondence.

REVIEW OF STATE REQUIREMENTS – NOT SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR

The Board was presented with Rules & Regulations from Florida & Virginia. Mr. Pepeta and Mr. Robbins volunteered to review the Rules & Regulations packets respectively.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

Mr. Robbins proposed questions to the Board regarding the limited electrician special license. He would like to have the Electrical Board Grandfather the Master HVACR for the limited electrician special license. Members of the Plumbing Board plan to attend the Board of Electrical Examiners' meeting on March 7, 2012 to discuss this in further detail.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Herbert Romisch came before the Board to ask questions on the Hydronic & Gas Testing, as he is a licensed Master Plumber & a Master HVACR Restricted Applicant. The Board advised that according to the License Law: *...Plumbing services also includes the installation and connection of gas piping.*

Carl Rifino approached the Board stating that he apologized for not having his work experience information submitted. He will have it in for the next board meeting.

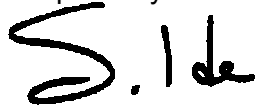
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 13, 2012** at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Ide'.

Shelly Ide
Administrative Specialist II